

**Maine Revised Statutes**  
**Title 29-A: MOTOR VEHICLES HEADING: PL**  
**1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (new); Pt. B, §5 (aff)**  
**Chapter 5: VEHICLE REGISTRATION HEADING:**  
**PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (new); Pt. B, §5 (aff)**

**§463. DISPOSITION OF REGISTRATION PLATES**

**1. Property of State.** Registration plates issued by the Secretary of State continue to be the property of the State.

[ 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF) .]

**1-A. Discontinued registration plates.** Notwithstanding subsection 1, a general issue registration plate that is of a design no longer issued by the Secretary of State is the property of the person to whom the plate was issued.

[ 1997, c. 520, §1 (NEW) .]

**2. Expiration upon transfer or assignment.** When the owner of a vehicle transfers or assigns title or interest in a vehicle the registration expires.

[ 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF) .]

**3. Return of registration plate and registration certificate.** When a registration certificate is suspended, revoked, canceled or has expired and the owner has no intention to renew or transfer within 6 months, the owner shall remove the registration plates and forward them, along with the registration certificate, to the Secretary of State.

[ 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF) .]

**4. Reassignment of registration number.** The registrant may request that plates and the registration number be assigned in the registrant's name to another vehicle.

[ 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF) .]

**5. Unauthorized taking of registration plate.** A person commits a Class E crime if that person steals, takes or carries away, without permission or authority, a registration plate from another person entitled to possession of that plate.

[ 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 1993, c. 683, Pt. B, §5 (AFF) .]

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